



**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-3222**

April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023

The Honorable Christopher A. Wray  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
935 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Director Wray:

I write today with serious concerns about the criminal activity being promoted by the group Direct Action Everywhere. Direct Action Everywhere is headquartered in California and has been actively participating in meetings within rural communities to fundraise and recruit others to actively disrupt farms across the country.

In the recent year, local law enforcement agencies within my congressional district in Niagara County, New York have reported several instances of animal theft and trespassing by groups outside of the community. In the past week, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office has asked farmers to keep vigilant for trespassers on their property.

It is unacceptable for the struggling family to now have the added burden of unlawful entry, destruction of their property, and theft of their livestock. This group on their website glorifies their court cases in progress and promotes "trigger events" to further their cause. Promotion of organized criminal activity cannot be tolerated.

Basic Constitutional Rights must be upheld, and basic property rights must be protected. I urge the Federal Bureau Investigation (FBI) to send a clear message that compliance with federal law is not a choice but an obligation and that those who promote noncompliance will be held accountable. Furthermore, I request any assistance the FBI can offer to our local law enforcement agencies in gathering intelligence on the perpetrators and holding those who violate our laws accountable.

Sincerely,

CLAUDIA TENNEY  
Member of Congress